



Saguaro National Park (East) Naturalist Program Schedule November, 2016

Programs meet at the Rincon Mountain Visitor Center, 3693 S. Old Spanish Trail unless otherwise noted. All programs are subject to change. Call the visitor center at (520) 733-5153 for updates. See www.nps.gov/sagu for other programs.

November 1, 7, 8, 14, 15 10:00 a.m. Sonoran Lifestyles Guided Walk
21, 22, 28, 29

Join a park naturalist on this 2-hour, 1-mile walk to discover how plants and animals adapt to life in the desert. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water.

November 1, 6, 14, 21 2:00 p.m. Cactus Garden Walk Easy Walk
Join a park naturalist to discover the many secrets of our Sonoran Desert plants. **Wheelchair accessible.**

November 2 & 23 1:00 p.m. The Point of the Matter is Cactus Presentation
November 12 11:00 a.m.

Cacti are much more than strange plants with spines. They are uniquely equipped to thrive in the desert environment, and every year bloom with spectacular flowers. This theater presentation will highlight these survival marvels with a beautiful photo gallery. **Wheelchair accessible.**

November 2, 8, 16, 23, 30 9:00 a.m. Desert Morning Hike Guided Hike
Join park naturalist Dick Hiollenback for this 3-hour, 4-mile hike in the Sonoran Desert. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water and a trail snack.

November 3 7:00 p.m. Star Party illustrated Program & Activity
Join park naturalists for an introduction to astronomy and a look at the desert night sky. Telescopes and binoculars will be available. **Reservations required. Call 733-5153.** **Wheelchair accessible.**

November 4, 12, 19 10:00 a.m. Parents & Tots Walk Guided Walk
Bring your infant or toddler on this easy, ranger-guided walk as we explore the sights and sounds of the Sonoran Desert. Toddler backpacks are available for loan if you don't have your own. **Space is limited, so please call the visitor center at (520) 733-5153 to make a reservation.**

November 5 & 26 1:00 p.m. A Sticky Situation at Saguaro Presentation
November 16 11:00 a.m.

Here at Saguaro national Park East we have over 30 species of cacti and each is beautiful in its own way. Finding them all is hard, but we will look at them in a stunning photo gallery and learn a few uses these plants have to those living here and beyond. **Wheelchair accessible.**

November 6, 13, 20, 27 10:00 a.m. **Drive-Thru Geology** *Auto Tour*

Hop in your car for a journey through 25 million years of earth history...in one hour! We'll observe the varied landforms of the desert – bajadas, washes, outcrops – and find out why geology students from around the world come to see the Rincon Mountain foothills. (Hint: it's the mylonitic gneiss!)

November 8 & 30 11:00 **Flash, Whoosh, Gush & Growth: Monsoons** *Presentation*
November 19 1:00 p.m.

The summer heat and humidity bring the mighty and sometimes destructive monsoon rain. Saguaros, toads and others depend on these drenching afternoons to begin a new season of life in the dry desert. A fabulous video opens this theater presentation. ***Wheelchair accessible.***

November 11, 18, 25 2:00 p.m. **Cactus Caravan** *Auto Tour*

Begin your exploration of the Cactus Forest Drive with a park ranger and become familiar with some of the common cacti. A great introduction to the park! *Wheelchair accessible.*

November 11 & 25 7:00 p.m. **Night Walk** *1 mile guided walk*

Join a park naturalist for this easy two-hour hike to explore and experience the Sonoran Desert at night. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes, and bring water and a flashlight. *As space is limited, **advanced reservations are required**, and can be made by calling (520) 733-5153.*

November 18, 25 10:00 a.m. **Desert Discovery** *Guided Walk*

Join a park naturalist on this 2-mile, 2-hour hike to discover what's out there in the desert. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water.